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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Kevin Guangjun Cai, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 2831
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Appln. No.:	09/776,676	: Examiner: Chau N. Nguyen
Filed:	February 6, 2001	:
For:	KAOLIN ADDITIVE IN MINERAL INSULATED METAL SHEATHED CABLES	: Attorney Docket : No. <b>600214-47US</b> : <b>(32536)</b>

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REQUEST**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002 (Paper No. 11) in the above-identified action. This response is being timely filed on or before December 4, 2002, in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination, including payment of fees, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Please amend the application without prejudice as follows:

**In the claims:**

☒ Please cancel claims 1, 3-9 and 11-20 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 21-35 to read as follows:

21. (New) A cable comprising an outer metallic sheath, at least one metallic conductor therein, and a powdered filler disposed between the outer sheath and the metallic conductor, wherein the filler comprises a mineral insulation consisting essentially of a mixture of magnesium oxide and kaolin.

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